

Court Denies Beechcraft Challenge Of Lost Contract

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WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas airplane maker Beechcraft has lost a legal battle to halt work on a high-stakes Air Force contract [awarded to rival](#) [1] Sierra Nevada Corp.

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims on Friday denied Beechcraft's request for a temporary injunction.

The contract for 20 planes for use in Afghanistan is worth more than \$427 million. It could be worth as much as \$1 billion, depending on future orders.

Wichita-based Beechcraft said that while it reluctantly accepted the court's opinion it will continue to contest the award through the Government Accountability Office.

Sierra Nevada, in a partnership with Brazil's Embraer, plans to build the planes in Jacksonville, Fla. The companies said in a joint statement that the decision ensures work will continue uninterrupted for delivery of the planes on schedule in mid-2014.

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